

# NORTHRIDGE LITTLE LEAGUE

## CODE OF CONDUCT

### **PARTICIPANTS CODE OF CONDUCT:**

All participants in Northridge Little League, including, managers, coaches, umpires, players, board members, and their families in attendance at Little League events will be expected to demonstrate the highest standards of citizenship and sportsmanship. It is important that managers and coaches have the respect of family members and therefore the ability to teach and instruct players without outside distractions.

The use of obscene, indecent or derogatory language, as well as any verbal or physical assault in connection with anyone associated with Northridge Little League will be considered a violation of this policy. Any action endangering the health and safety of others will result in removal from Northridge Little League events.

All violations of the Code of Conduct will be reported to a representative of the Northridge League Board of Representatives. These violations will be reviewed by the President of the League and the Rules and Enforcement Committee, and if upon review, as it is deemed necessary, appropriate action will result. Up to and may include expulsion from Northridge Little League or Northridge Little League events.

I/We know that participation in baseball or softball may result in serious injuries and protective equipment does not prevent all injuries to players, and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the local Little League, Little League Baseball, Incorporated, the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants, and persons transporting my/our child to and from activities from any claim arising out of any injury to my/our child whether the result of negligence or for any other cause.

My signature below indicates I have read and understand this policy and agree to adhere to all conditions of the policy herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Player Signature

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Date

# Parent Code of Conduct

We, the Northridge Little League, have implemented the following Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand and must sign this form prior to their children participating in our league.

Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.

## **Preamble**

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- Trustworthiness,
- Respect,
- Responsibility,
- Fairness,
- Caring, and
- Good Citizenship.

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

## **I agree:**

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the games is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.

7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.

8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.

9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.

10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.

11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.

12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.

13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.

14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.

15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.

16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.

**17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.**

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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